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This is an appeal. We received the “Administrator’s Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2002-2003” dated December 19, 2006. This is in regards to:

FRN 737375

Billed Entity Name: Alden Hebron School Dist 19

Form 471 Application Number: 288242

Billed Entity Number: 135254

FCC RN: 13151402

CC Docket No. 02-6 & CC Docket No. 96-45

Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation:

After a thorough investigation, it has been determined that this funding commitment must be rescinded in full. During the course of a review it was determined that your form 470 did not include the services for which you sought funding in your form 471. FCC rules require that except under limited circumstances, all eligible schools and libraries shall seek competitive bids for all services eligible for support. Since the services for which you sought funding were not properly posted to the website for competitive bidding, the commitment has been rescinded in full and SLD will seek recovery for any disbursed funds.

District 19 Explanation:

After a through investigation I found this letter was sent because the Year 5 form 470 for funding year 2002 was filed online but not properly certified and completed. I contacted the invoicing hotline and found that \$1485.22 was in fact the amount that would be needed to be repaid to make the FRN “whole” if this appeal is denied.

FY 2002 was the last set of E-Rate forms to be completed within the district prior to my hiring. The woman responsible for this paperwork in 2002 was diagnosed and undergoing cancer treatment at that time. She honestly forgot to certify the file on time. She completed the rest of the paperwork for the year and received the funding without incident.

We understand this is a Federal program and that we must comply with these rules. However, due to laws applicable to the State of Illinois our telecommunications companies are granted local monopolies on the physical lines. Regardless of filing a form 470 in our region, Verizon is the only company who is

capable of providing the services rendered in question. Verizon is the only company that would have ever fulfilled this bid. No fraud or wrongdoing was intended or committed.

We appreciate your consideration and thank you for the time you have taken to review our appeal.